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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of the Application of: Kopf, et al.

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Filed: August 28, 2003

For: **Optical Short-Circuit Insert and Optical Short-Circuit Plug**

Examiner: Unassigned Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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**Response to Omitted Items
and Preliminary Amendment**

Sir:

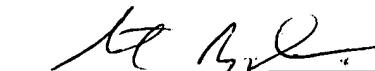
Applicants respond to the "Omitted Items" notice which was included in the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on November 20, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 20, 2004. Applicants assert that the items indicated as omitted were in fact deposited with the original application papers filed on August 28, 2003, which is the original date on which the papers for this application were deposited. Applicants hereby submit a Preliminary Amendment, which indicates a typographical error was found in Figure 1, therefore giving the appearance that Figures 1A and 1B had been omitted.

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet, which includes Figure 1-2, replaces the original sheet filed on August 28, 2003. In Figure 1, previously omitted labeling of A and B have been added. No new matter has been added.

These drawings are being submitted concurrent with Notice to File Missing Parts. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 50-1581.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes